

8 November 2013

Distinguished Executive Board representative,

I am pleased to inform you that the following proposals have been posted on IFAD's public website at www.ifad.org/gbdocs/lot/2013/e/approval.htm as well as on IFAD's Member States Interactive Platform at <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/lapse-of-time> today:

1. Programme/Project proposals:

- (a) Brazil: Policy Coordination and Dialogue for Reducing Poverty and Inequalities in Semi-Arid North-east Brazil (Dom Helder Câmara Project – Phase II)**
- (b) Moldova: Inclusive Rural Economic and Climate Resilience Programme**
- (c) Yemen: Rural Growth Programme**

2. Grant proposals:

(a) Non-CGIAR

- (i) United Nations Office for South–South Cooperation (UNOSSC): South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Agricultural Development and Enhanced Food Security in the Near East, North Africa and Europe Region**
- (ii) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD): Developing Inclusive Financial Systems for Improved Access to Financial Services in Rural Areas with the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP)**
- (iii) International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering (2iE): Upgrading Leadership and Results-based Management Skills for IFAD-financed Programmes in West and Central Africa**
- (iv) United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC): Programme for the Inclusive Growth, Rural Productive Policy and Participatory Value Chains in Latin America and the Caribbean**
- (v) Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA): Project to Document Global Best Practices on Sustainable Models of Pro-Poor Rural Financial Services in Developing Countries**

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(b) CGIAR:

President's report on proposed grants under the global/regional grants window to CGIAR-supported international centres:

- (i) International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA): Enhancing the Competitiveness of High-Quality Cassava Flour Value Chains West and Central Africa**
- (ii) International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA): Integrated Agricultural Production Systems for the Poor and Vulnerable in Dryland Areas**
- (iii) International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT): Increasing Food Security and Farming System Resilience in East Africa through Wide-scale Adoption of Climate-smart Agricultural Practices**
- (iv) International Water Management Institute (IWMI): Opportunities to Enhance Smallholder Agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa through Sustainable Water, Land and Ecosystem Management.**

The proposals have been posted for your review in accordance with rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, which sets out the lapse-of-time procedure for the approval of IFAD-funded projects and programmes, approved by the Executive Board in December 2009 (EB 2009/98/R.15/Rev.1) and further revised in September 2012 (EB 2012/106/R.9).

In particular, rule 24 stipulates the following:

"Proposals for projects and programmes submitted by the President pursuant to article 7, section 2(c) of the Agreement [Establishing IFAD] shall be considered approved by the Executive Board if no request for consideration during a session of the Executive Board is received from any member within thirty days of the delivery to the members. For the purposes of this rule, delivery shall mean posting on the Fund's website and notification to members by e-mail."

Resource coverage would be ensured for these proposals as attested in document EB 2013/108/R.7/Rev.1 (see <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/108/docs/EB-2013-108-R-7-Rev-1.pdf>).

Thus, in view of rule 24, in the absence of a request from an Executive Board representative for a proposal to be discussed at the forthcoming session of the Board, these proposals will be considered approved after the lapse of a period of 30 calendar days from the date of posting of the document and transmission of the present communication. Requests for consideration of these proposals at a regular session of the Executive Board should be submitted by the authorized Executive Board representative via e-mail/fax to the Office of the Secretary at gb_office@ifad.org, no later than 8 December 2013.

Accept, distinguished representative, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Secretary of IFAD